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Letters to the Editor

A Liberal's Links to the CIA

Charles Kaiser's review of my book "The Pied Piper" about the late Allard Lowenstein, congressman and liberal activist, omits significant facts I document in the book in support of my contention that Lowenstein worked for the CIA and knew of its funding of the National Student Association.

Lowenstein lied to reporter Ed Hershey when he told him he had to fight his way into the army in 1954 because of his bad eyes. In fact, Lowenstein, who was elected president of the NSA in 1950 on the strength of a speech supporting U.S. intervention in Korea, passed his physical that year and was declared 1-A. He received an occupational deferment because of his work for the NSA involving breaking up the international student movement because of Communist influence. The conference in Stockholm at which he did this was organized by the CIA. He then received a student deferment to go to Yale Law School and didn't enter the army until the Korean war was over. It has been documented that NSA officers who knew of the CIA/NSA link routinely received occupational and then student deferments.

In 1979, while in South Africa, Lowenstein reported to Frank Carlucci, then Deputy Director of the CIA, on his findings. He

was paid \$7,000 for this expedition through the Anglo American Corp. of South Africa. Carlucci acknowledges that Lowenstein aided him in installing Mario Soares as prime minister of Portugal while Carlucci was ambassador there.

Harris Wofford, former adviser to President Kennedy on Africa, confirms the existence of a "good wing" in the CIA which supports anti-Communist leftists around the world. I document that Lowenstein offered money to Spanish student groups to keep them liberal as opposed to Communist and formed an anti-Communist "Free Spain" group to preempt the anti-Franco committee that the FBI suspected of being infiltrated by Communists.

Lowenstein stayed not only at the Madrid Hilton but at the lavish Norfolk in Nairobi, meeting with national liberation groups to persuade them to oppose Communism. He offered funds to these and anti-apartheid groups in South Africa.

I told Mr. Kaiser that some of my sources had to remain unnamed and that they were accurate. But the book is packed with information of the kind given above backed by sources in the references and notes.

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